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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 1, 2004, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to October 1, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.